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Commemorative Bucks of Michigan (CBM)

CBM is a statewide record keeping organization founded in 1981 for the purpose of measuring and keeping a permanent record of trophy whitetail deer. Bear, elk and turkeys were later added to our record keeping duties. There are over 150 official measurers distributed across the state and when a large deer, bear, elk or turkey is harvested the hunter is directed to one of those measurers. Measuring is free and if an animal meets our minimum requirements the trophy is eligible for entry into the record book. The hunter must sign a statement that states the animal was taken legally and ethically. A minimum paperwork fee is charged at this time for non members.

Records are kept on an annual basis and at the end of each scoring period those records are added to our permanent all-time data base.

CBM is a 501(c)3 nonprofit membership organization. Members receive Buck Fax, the official publication of CBM six times a year. Buck Fax is also sent free of charge to every public high school library in the state. School librarians tell us its the most read publication they receive.

Buck Fax Magazine

The August issue is the annual 'Records Edition' listing all entries from the previous scoring period. The other five issues consist of:

- Hunter information columns
- Hunter success stories
- Recently accepted trophies
- DNR press releases
- BUCK TAIL BASICS
- Other timely information

Buck Tail Basics

CBM recognized that youth not growing up in a hunting family find it almost impossible to gain the fundamental information needed to begin the sport of deer hunting. Buck Tail Basics takes a different topic in each issue and writes about it in a simple language geared for the young first time hunter. Often experienced hunters admit they had questions answered they were always afraid to ask. A collection of Buck Tail Basics along with outdoor games and animals to color are published in the publication **Buck Fax Junior**. This eight page publication is available free of charge to children at the CBM booth located at most major hunting trade shows.

Michigan Big Game Record Book

CBM recently produced the seventh edition of Michigan Big Game Records. This book contains the entire 24,204 trophy entries recorded before March 31, 2005. A new edition is published every three years. Included are top category listings, maps, county by county listings for deer and turkeys, technical articles and over 135 photos. Technical articles are all written by DNR personnel:

- The Changing Number and Location of Deer in Michigan
by Rodney Clute, Deer Specialist, MDNR
- Black Bear Management in Michigan
by David Bostick, Bear Specialist, MDNR
- Michigan Elk Management: Creating Opportunities Out of Challenges
by Brent A. Rudolph, Wildlife Research Biologist, MDNR
- The Future of Wild Turkey Hunting . . . It Depends On You
by Al Stewart, Upland Game Bird Specialist, MDNR

Recognizing Michigan's Trophy Bucks, Bears, Bulls and Toms.